

Texas Historical Commission Staff (CW), 7/29/77

Official Texas Historical Building Marker for attachment to wood  
Harrison County (Order #5017)

Location: 610 N.Washington, Marshall

THE ALLEN HOUSE\*

BORN IN ALABAMA, THE REV. WALKER  
MONTECUE ALLEN (1819-1899) WAS A  
CUMBERLAND <sup>S</sup>PREBYTERIAN MINISTER,  
AUTHOR, AND TEACHER. HE MOVED TO  
MARSHALL IN 1876 WITH HIS WIFE  
ELIZA ANN (HANDLY) (1829-1902) AND  
THEIR NINE CHILDREN. THEY ERECTED  
THIS TWO-STORY RESIDENCE IN 1879,  
WITH THE REV. ALLEN AND HIS OLDER  
SONS DOING MOST OF THE CARPENTRY  
AND MASONRY WORK. AN EXAMPLE  
OF THE LATE GREEK REVIVAL STYLE,  
THIS STRUCTURE WAS OCCUPIED BY  
THE ALLEN FAMILY UNTIL 1942.\*\*  
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1977\*\*\*

\*1/2 inch lettering  
\*\*3/8 inch lettering  
\*\*\*1/4 inch lettering

APPROVED  
Truitt Latimer  
*W. Annie B. Reed* 8-29-77

**APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER**  
(Revised 1974)

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
P. O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

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County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Allen House  
Title of marker

2. Same (Structure is now owned by the Harrison County Historical Society)  
Name of building, cemetery, public square, park, etc., where marker is to be placed.

3. 610 North Washington Avenue  
Marker site (street address or highway number)

4. Marshall, Texas  
City or nearest city. If marker is to be placed on a highway or in a small community, you must briefly explain how to get there from nearest town shown on a Texas Highway Department road map. For example, "Marker will be in Bastrop Beach, which is 6 miles southeast of Angleton on FM 523."

5. On the structure  
Distance (miles, yards, feet) and direction (north, south, east, west) of subject from marker site. For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile southwest of marker site."

6. Harrison County Historical Society Marshall, Texas  
Owner of marker site Address City

7. Harrison County Historical Commission, 3704 Fitzgerald, Marshall, Texas  
Sponsor of marker Address City

8. Max S. Ray 3704 Fitzgerald Marshall, Texas  
County chairman Address City  
"I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."

9. The Allen House 610 North Washington Avenue, Marshall, Texas  
Person to whom marker is to be shipped Street Address City  
Note: If marker is to be placed on a highway right-of-way, it will automatically be shipped to your district highway engineer.

10. Wood  
Surface to which marker will be attached (i.e., wood, brick, stucco over stone) if not on post.

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Please consult the marker catalog for specifications of the markers, paperweights, and signs available. Check the items desired below. Then mail this application and narrative history, together with a check payable to the Texas Historical Foundation, to the address above. No applications will be accepted unless payment is included.

**HISTORICAL MARKERS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker with post ..... \$475               | <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker with post ..... \$150               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker without post ..... \$435            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker without post ..... \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker with post ..... \$250               | <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building plaque only ..... \$ 75                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker without post ..... \$220            | <input type="checkbox"/> 14" medallion only (for replacement purposes) ..... \$ 50     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) ..... \$125 |  |

**MARKER REPLICA PAPERWEIGHT**

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- black-and-white (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
- with arrow pointing straight ahead
- green-and-white (for interstate highways)
- with arrow pointing left
- with arrow pointing right

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THE ALLEN HOUSE  
Marshall, Texas

By Max S. Lale

The late 1870s residence at 610 North Washington Avenue in Marshall known as "The Allen House" stands on land originally a part of the Peter Whetstone Grant.<sup>1</sup> After a series of property transfers during the course of which the home site remained undeveloped, it came into the possession of the Rev. and Mrs. Walker Montecue Allen on December 4, 1878, and construction of the house was begun shortly afterward.<sup>2</sup> Designated on the town plat as Outlot 8 Northeast, it later was described as Lot 536, fronting 60 feet on North Washington Avenue and extending 120 feet east "on which is situated a two-story frame residence known as the Allen Homestead." Members of the Allen family continued to live in the house until 1942 and to own it until 1944. Under a series of subsequent owners the condition of the house deteriorated badly. Because of its run-down condition and the failure or neglect of subsequent owners to bring it into compliance with municipal code standards, the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) of Marshall, Texas, purchased the property in 1975 and, after unsuccessfully advertising it for bids, scheduled the house for demolition. The Harrison County Historical Society bought the house and its lot for the appraised value of the lot only on June 9, 1975, and subsequently restored and furnished the house as an extension of its historical museum.<sup>3</sup>

Walker Montecue Allen, for whom the house was built, was the second child and only son of Walker Allen and Mary Brown (Seawell) Allen. John Allen, Walk-

er Allen's father and Walker Montecue Allen's grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania who fought at the Battle of Bunker's Hill in 1775. After the Revolutionary War, John Allen married a Martha Tribble and moved with her to Amherst County, Virginia.<sup>4</sup> Walker Allen was born February 3, 1785, in Amherst County, and married Mary Brown Seawell, a native of Sumner County, Tennessee, on October 14, 1812. The couple migrated to Alabama, where Walker Montecue Allen was born at Huntsville on January 18, 1819.<sup>5</sup>

After the deaths of their father on June 24, 1818, and their mother on March 17, 1819, the two-month-old Walker Montecue Allen and his six-year-old sister Martha Jane Allen were taken to middle Tennessee to live with their grandparents, John and Martha (Tribble) Allen. There they remained until the death of John Allen on August 10, 1829, and Martha Allen on November 2, 1829. After their grandparents' deaths the children became the wards of an uncle, Dr. George T. Allen, and went to live with him in Illinois. The sister was married while living in Illinois to Thomas B. Wilson and later moved to Iowa. "The last time I ever saw my sister was in March 1832 in Quincy, Illinois. My uncle came south by which my sister and I were separated to meet no more," the Rev. Mr. Allen recalled shortly before his death.<sup>6</sup>

Walker Montecue Allen "came south" with his uncle and guardian to Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1834. After a year's residence in Nacogdoches, Dr. Allen "started out again," moving this time to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, accompanied by his ward and nephew.<sup>7</sup> Until this time, the youth had received little education and was able only to read and write. From Mississippi, however, Dr. Allen sent the 16-year-old

nephew to Montgomery County, Tennessee, to board with another uncle, William Moyers, and to attend a school conducted by the Rev. John E. Bonds, pastor of the McAdow congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After eight months the young man returned to Mississippi, where he studied an additional three months under the Rev. Collin Forbes. These periods of instruction completed his formal education.<sup>8</sup>

Walker Montecue Allen's grandparents were Baptists. As the boy was only 10 years old at their deaths, he had not joined their church, however, nor did he subsequently join the Cumberland Presbyterian Church during his periods of instruction under two of that church's clergymen. It was not until September 20, 1840, in his twenty-second year, that he was "happily converted" to Christianity, according to the Rev. William B. Allen, a son. Only after reading the statements of various creeds did he select the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for his religious affiliation, the son wrote in an obituary of his father.<sup>9</sup>

"His uncle was skeptical at the time, and was so exasperated that he drove Walker away from his home when he became a Christian. His first covenant with God after conversion," the son wrote, "was that he would pray daily for his uncle until he was converted. The prayer was answered five years later."

After two years of trial service, Walker Montecue Allen was licensed to preach at Pontotoc, Mississippi, in October 1844. Four months later he was married to Eliza Ann Handly, born February 16, 1829, at Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, to the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Handy. To Walker Montecue Allen and Eliza

Ann (Handly) Allen were born 11 children. "The first and third died in infancy, and their remains sleep in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. We have by God's blessing raised nine of them to be grown, viz: five sons and four daughters," the Rev. Mr. Allen recorded in a "Family Genealogy" shortly after his ~~seventy~~<sup>9</sup>-seventh birthday.<sup>10</sup>

After ordination "to the whole work of the gospel ministry" by the presbytery of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in October 1848, the Rev. Mr. Allen served in a number of pastoral assignments -- in Itawamba County, Mississippi, Shelby County, Texas, and DeSoto Parish, Louisiana -- before his election in the summer of 1870 as president of Chapel Hill College at Daingerfield, Texas, a school under the auspices of the Marshall, Texas, Presbytery. He remained in this position until February 1872. From Daingerfield he moved with his growing family to Center, in Shelby County, as superintendent of the free public schools in that town. He taught and preached in Shelby County until he decided in 1875 to devote the remainder of his life to "the direct service of the church."<sup>11</sup>

As a member since 1860 of the Marshall Presbytery, which during his lifetime he served as stated clerk and treasurer for many years, the Rev. Mr. Allen then "moved to Marshall, Texas, in January 1876, and began canvassing for the Board of Publication (sic). This he continued for about a year and a half. He built a comfortable house in Marshall."<sup>12</sup>

Prior to moving into their own home at 610 North Washington Avenue, the Rev. and Mrs. Allen and their nine children rented the Van Zandt home on Van Zandt Hill, now the campus of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall. This home, owned <sup>by her husband's</sup> after ~~his~~ death by Mrs. Isaac Van Zandt, widow of the illustrious Texian who as charge d'affaires negotiated the annexation of Texas to the United States, stood

on the site now occupied by the first building erected on the campus.<sup>13</sup>

Although his formal education had been limited, the Rev. Mr. Allen continued in Marshall and throughout his lifetime the self-education, begun from text books carried in his saddlebags in the early days of his ministry, by which he became a fine English scholar. He studied Greek, Hebrew, mathematics, philosophy and literature, and during his active years was a frequent contributor to the periodical literature of his church. In addition he was the author of five books on religious subjects which enjoyed respectable sales, and in his effects after his death were found more than a hundred unpublished poems and many manuscripts on theological thought.<sup>14</sup>

The Rev. and Mrs. Allen observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary in their home at 610 North Washington Avenue on the evening of February 13, 1895. Present were their nine living children, nine grandchildren and a large company of guests. The (Marshall) Evening Messenger devoted 42 column-inches to a report of the anniversary celebration, headed by a two-paragraph reprint of the newspaper account of their marriage 50 years earlier in Mississippi. In the florid style of nineteenth century journalism, the newspaper reported that

After all the guests had arrived, and at 9:30, the ever familiar notes of Mendelssohn's (sic) wedding march, executed by Miss Minnie Elgin in her perfect style, stole softly in from the back parlor, and as the sliding doors were drawn aside, there, prettily grouped in a semi-circle, were three generations of Allens, the "bride and groom" forming the base and central figures. It was a beautiful picture, this aged couple surrounded by all their children and grandchildren (except one who is absent at school). No wonder they are such God-loving and God-serving people, for surely He has blessed them. And no wonder he has blessed them, for they have served him throughout their long and eventful lives, never once wavering in their devotion and obedience to His commands. Mr. Allen was erect and handsome as any of his sons, in a well-fitted Prince Albert suit. His bride of fifty years wore an elegant dress of soft black goods, trimmed in gold; full sleeves and bodice of golden silk. She was as modest and as blushing as any brand new bride.

"After giving the guests a few moments in which to view the family tableau," the Rev. W. B. Farr, pastor of the Marshall Cumberland Presbyterian Church, spoke to the guests about the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Allen, concluding his comments with a prayer. A "sumptuous repast" then was served from a table in the center of the dining room, and "After supper the remaining hours were pleasantly spent in conversation, with vocal and instrumental music interspersed, to the enjoyment of all present." After supper the Rev. and Mrs. Allen joined hands in cutting a wedding cake.<sup>15</sup>

The Rev. Mr. Allen continued to preach actively for two more years after the anniversary observance, until his health failed in January 1897. He became bedfast February 19, 1899, and died May 19, 1899, at the age of 80 years and four months. His wife and nine children were with him at his death in the family home, now the property of the Harrison County Historical Society and the headquarters of the Harrison County Conservation Society. Mrs. Allen lived until February 16, 1902.

Primary evidence bearing on the date of construction of the "Allen Homestead" has so far not been discovered, nor has investigation revealed that there was an architect involved in its design. The only information known to exist is the secondary evidence contained in the obituary written by the Rev. William B. Allen after his father's death<sup>16</sup> and the oral testimony of a granddaughter and of the widow of the Allens' youngest son. No photographs of the house from its early years have been discovered.

William B. Allen was approximately 22 years old when his parents' home was constructed. Mrs. John E. Hill of Marshall, a daughter, recalls hearing her



father recount that the Rev. Walker Montecue Allen and his older sons did most of the carpentry and masonry work on the house.<sup>17</sup> This is corroborated by Mrs. George Montecue (Monty) Allen,<sup>18</sup> <sup>widow of</sup> the couple's youngest son, based on her husband's recollections. The evidence offered by Mrs. Hill is particularly significant, because her father was 19 years old when the family moved to Marshall in January 1876, and he later supplemented his stipend as a Cumberland Presbyterian clergyman in Longview by designing at least two historically significant homes in that city.<sup>19</sup>

The implication in the Rev. W. B. Allen's obituary of his father is that the Allen home in Marshall was built within a reasonably short time after the family moved to the city. The son wrote that his father "began canvassing for the Board of Publication. This he continued for about a year and resigned." This sentence is followed immediately by another commenting that "He built a comfortable [emphasis added] home in Marshall." Appearing as it does in an obituary, it is possible to detect a note of personal pride of workmanship in the one adjective describing the home. The author of the obituary would have been 20 years old when his father resigned his position with the publications board and began devoting his time and energies to duties "as pastor of country churches within his reach." Only 52 at the time of his father's death, the Rev. Mr. Allen should have been clear in his memory of the major familial events of that time, particularly inasmuch as he would appear to have been 22 years old when the family home was built and was one of the major contributors to the work. Further, the switch in vocational emphasis would seem to have freed the elder Allen's time between Sunday pastoral obligations for supervision of the home's construction.

That the home was built within a reasonably brief time after the family

moved to Marshall also is borne out by Mrs. Hill's comment that Walker Montecue and Eliza Ann Allen and their nine children lived in the Van Zandt home for a "short period" before building their own home.

All the available evidence thus suggests strongly that the dwelling now called "The Allen House" was built in 1879. The warranty deed by which Mrs. Allen obtained title to the site was dated December 4, 1878, almost three years after the family moved to Marshall, implying that the land was purchased with the intention of building a family home on it without undue delay. Undoubtedly the family wished to vacate their rented dwelling, as the husband and father by this time had shifted from the uncertainties of "canvassing" for church publications to pastorates in nearby churches. If it was indeed the family's intention to begin construction immediately after buying the land, then the 12 months of 1879 would seem to have been adequate to the task.

Unfortunately, the documentary evidence which would confirm this assumption no longer is available. Tax records which would reflect a year-to-year increase in the taxable value assessed against Outlot 8 Northeast after the Allen home was built have been either destroyed or discarded. The tax assessor-collector of Harrison County has no tax rolls prior to 1930, and the Marshall city secretary, who is charged with assessing and collecting city taxes, has no tax rolls prior to 1918.<sup>20</sup>

There is some oral evidence to indicate that the house design was taken at least in part from the design of the Van Zandt home, but there is no documentary evidence, even secondary, that this may be the case. No photograph of the Van Zandt home is known to exist, and descriptions of its appearance by persons still

living are insufficiently exact to be dependable.

The Allen House as it stands today after restoration is a raised, two-story frame home with a large third-floor attic. It is supported by brick pillars with lattice-work masking the crawl spaces. Its principal exterior feature is a two-level gallery-type front porch, facing west on North Washington Avenue, which extends essentially the full width of the house. Both levels of the porch are banistered on three sides. The second-floor gallery is narrower than the lower level, so that the latter supports not only the upper gallery but also a modest, steeply-sloped roof of its own which is covered with artificial shakes of the kind originally installed. The roofs of both levels are supported by four simple, regularly-spaced wooden columns at the corners and across the front.

The principal entrance to the home is in the center of the front facade, opening into a hall which extends eastward to a rear door. The left (north) portion of the lower floor is occupied by a formal parlor on the front and a music room connected to it by a wide doorway which can be closed by sliding pocket doors. The present music room is the "rear parlor" to which the sliding doors were opened to reveal the "family tableau" at the Allens' golden wedding anniversary party. At the front of the house, on the right, is a small study which the Rev. Mr. Allen used as a library and the room in which he wrote his sermons and his contributions to church publications. Both it and the room behind it, now furnished as a bedroom, are fitted with open fire places which were the principal heat sources for the home. Behind the bedroom is a dining room, and behind it the home's kitchen. From this description it can be seen that the right (south) portion of the lower floor is deeper than the portion across the hallway, so that

the lower floor is formed in the shape of a shortened L. This shape originally accommodated an L-shaped one-story rear porch with access to both the central hallway and the kitchen-dining room area.

A stairway, enclosed below the stairs, with a simple newel post and bannisters, rises from the first floor's central hallway to the second floor's four bedrooms. These were designed symmetrically, two on each side of a hallway which repeats the arrangement of the hallway on the lower floor.<sup>21</sup> These four bedrooms duplicate the floor space in the two parlors, study and what originally was used as a dining room on the lower floor. A doorway at the west end of the second floor hallway provides access to the second-level gallery. The floors of both the first and second levels of the house are extra-width pine boards now restored to their original finish and luster.

Lacking from this description of a four-up-and-four-down square dwelling is any mention of a kitchen. This necessary function was housed in a room directly east of the dining room, separated from it by a north-south, open-ended breezeway but still under the same roof as the remainder of the house. The ends of this breezeway later were closed, and the south end of it now accommodates a lower-floor bathroom. Nevertheless, the partition between this breezeway and the present dining room still is finished with the original board siding in which the semi-detached kitchen was finished. When a new kitchen was added to the east of the original kitchen, that room was converted into a dining room, and the original dining room became a bedroom, as it now is furnished.

The exterior of the house is faced with simple board siding.

Following the death of Mrs. Walker Montecue Allen in 1902, the property

was conveyed by warranty deed to the family's four daughters, E. Emma Allen, Hattie E. (Allen) Jacquish, A. Jessie Allen and Annie Allen, who continued to live in their parents' home. After the death of Alice Jessie Allen, the remaining three sisters still continued to reside on the premises. Annie P. Allen was married about 1915 to Floyd Donald, after which only Emma Allen and Hattie (Allen) Jacquish remained in the home. Emma Allen died in 1942, after which Hattie E. (Allen) Jacquish moved to other quarters, and the house was rented to tenants until its sale in 1944.<sup>22</sup>

In the years after the house passed from the hands of the Allen family, subsequent owners added rooms on both floors of the house, including additional bathrooms and kitchens, thus dividing the house into a number of apartments. These rooms still were attached to the house when it was purchased in 1975 by the Harrison County Historical Society and were removed during restoration, this after consultation with Steve Smith, an architect then on the staff of the Texas Historical Commission. Smith and Ms. Marie <sup>Landon</sup>~~Danton~~, also on the THC staff, surveyed all of the structures now within the Ginocchio historical district, including "The Allen House," and supervised the district's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

With nominal exceptions, principally to provide private living quarters for the resident docent, the house has been restored as nearly as possible to its original design, and later as modified by the Allen family by addition of a new kitchen. The rear porch no longer is L-shaped, running now only east and west alongside the dining room, though it still provides access to the east end of the central hallway on the lower floor.<sup>23</sup>

Not affecting its design or restoration, the situation of the house with respect to street level was changed when North Washington Avenue, on which it faces, was lowered to improve access from the central city to the Texas & Pacific depot facilities. This resulted in a necessity for a flight of concrete steps from street level to the level from which a set of steps rose to the front porch (the height of the brick pillars on which the house rests). An additional requirement necessitated by the change in street level was a concrete retaining wall at sidewalk side. This retaining wall has been badly damaged over the years by the effects of weather and tree roots. Its replacement, along with the concrete steps rising from street level to yard level, is among the expenditures (for safety purposes) which are contemplated from a matching grant for \$2,900 awarded early in 1977 by the Texas Historical Commission.

The present condition of the house is good. Certain portions of the exterior require repainting, minor leveling work is needed to repair a floor sag in the kitchen, and a nominal number of boards in the ceiling of the second-floor gallery need to be replaced. However, unreimbursed expenditures made by the Harrison County Historical Society in restoration of the house have returned it to totally habitable condition. Original lighting fixtures have been cleaned of paint and time-grime and returned to their first polished metal finish. The sliding doors separating the lower-level parlor and its rear parlor are in perfect working order. Other doors open and close properly. Original china door knobs and box latches are still in place. All interior walls were repainted and repapered during restoration, and the floors sanded and waxed.

The restoration work was performed under the supervision of Mrs. Emory El-

der, who with her late husband executed the restoration of their "Magnolia Hall" home, Marshall's first National Register property.<sup>24</sup> Mrs. Elder was assisted as co-chairman of a Conservation Society committee by Mrs. Ray Carter, then vice president and now president of the Conservation Society. Both Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Carter are members of the Harrison County Historical Commission.

"The Allen House" has been refurnished with period furnishings, art work and floor coverings. Most of the furniture items are period antiques donated by individuals and organizations interested in the restoration. Among major contributors to this phase of the restoration were the late William Kretz of Dallas, a member of the pioneer Scott family of Harrison County, who contributed a number of pieces which came out of the William Scott home at Scottsville, a recorded Texas landmark; Douglas Blocker, a member of the pioneer Webster and Blocker families of early Harrison County history, who contributed pieces from the family's Mimosa Hall plantation home at Leigh, recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; and Mrs. James K. Abney, who as president of the Conservation Society was the inspiration for the purchase and restoration of the house at a time when it was threatened with demolition by the city's urban renewal project.

Title to "The Allen House" is in the Harrison County Historical Society, but its upkeep and operation as an adjunct to the Harrison County Historical Museum is the responsibility of the Harrison County Conservation Society. Funds for the discharge of this responsibility come from tour admissions at the house, from the Conservation Society's annual Stage Coach Days festival the third week end in May, and from other money-raising activities, including a recently initiated gift shop in the house.

As an extension of the Harrison County Historical Museum which is equipped with all kitchen appliances and its own china, crystal and silver services, the house is used on a frequent basis for a variety of community activities, for all of which a rental charge is made: wedding receptions, retirement parties, women's club meetings, Conservation Society meetings and other social activities. In addition, it is becoming an increasingly popular tourist attraction. Beginning in February 1977, "The Allen House" was scheduled, along with visits to the East Texas Baptist College campus and other local historical attractions, as one of the tour stops visited by senior citizen Baptist Church members in a retreat program developed by ETBC officials. Numbering from 25 to 40, these groups have come from Texarkana, Daingerfield, Tyler, Palestine and other East Texas points. Additionally, women's club members have visited the house on trips to Marshall by chartered bus from Tyler, Bossier City, Shreveport and other cities in the Texas-Louisiana area. Docents also serve breakfast and luncheon groups by appointment.

It is desired to commemorate "The Allen House" for a number of reasons. It is a significant structure in Marshall's National Register historic district. It provides a new dimension to the attractions exhibited in the Harrison County Historical Museum, presenting, as it does, a living picture of life in Marshall a century ago. A landmark designation by the State of Texas will give new weight to the importance of the historical district of which it is a part. As a tourist attraction whose significance will be enhanced thereby, it will enlarge the fund-raising capabilities of the Harrison County Conservation Society and contribute new money to the Marshall economy. It deserves landmark designa-



tion as a notable example of the architectural style of its period in the nineteenth century and because of its association with one of the notable Marshall families in the city's history.

April 1, 1977

NOTES

1. The grant was made to Peter Whetstone by the Shelby County land commissioner on February 12, 1838. Survey notes prepared by John S. (Rip) Ford and dated March 8, 1838, were filed May 20, 1838, and are recorded in Vol. F. page 47, Surveyors Records of Harrison County. Patent to the land was awarded to Whetstone August 13, 1845, by "The Government of Texas" and was filed for record June 16, 1847, in Vol. F. page 160, Deed Records of Harrison County. An illiterate, Whetstone donated a campus for Marshall University (chartered by the Republic of Texas), along with a site for a county courthouse and land for other public uses as an inducement to location of the county seat on his grant.
2. Title to a 118 x 120-foot tract passed to Eliza Ann (Handly) Allen, wife of the Rev. Mr. Allen, by warranty deed from Emilie V. Sanders dated December 4, 1878, and filed for record March 30, 1883, in Vol. 15, page 458, Deed Records of Harrison County. The consideration was \$400 in currency and a note for \$100 in favor of Lydia Barr. Dated December 4, 1878, the note was for a period of six months and bore interest at the rate of 10% per annum. The warranty deed notes that "said consideration is paid out of the separate funds of said Eliza A. Allen."
3. For the complete ownership chain see Appendix A attached.
4. From "Family Genealogy," written by the Rev. Walker M. Allen March 7, 1896. A copy is in the possession of Mrs. John E. Hill of Marshall, a granddaughter.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
7. "Rev. W. M. Allen," an obituary written by his son, the Rev. William B. Allen, and published in The Cumberland Presbyterian, Vol. 60, No. 23, Nashville and St. Louis, June 7, 1900, page 715. Mrs. Hill has in her possession both a photocopy of the journal cover and obituary and a photocopy of the obituary in her father's handwriting.
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid.
10. According to records assembled by Mrs. John E. Hill, these were: William Bell Allen, Mrs. Hill's father, August 2, 1847-December 22, 1929; Emma Sarah Allen, birth date unknown, died January 6, 1942; Hattie Ella Allen, 1855-1949; Walker Pittman Handly Allen, April 12, 1858-October 30, 1903; A. J. Allen, April 11, 1863-May 15, 1922; Alice Jessie Allen, who died March 28, 1906; Henry Walker Allen, February 3, 1866-June 22, 1901; George Montecue (Monty) Allen, July 23, 1869-November 22, 1962; Annie Pierce Allen, May 23, 1872-March 12, 1956.

11. "Rev. W. M. Allen," op. cit.
12. Ibid.
13. Mrs. John E. Hill, interview, March 3, 1977.
14. "Rev. W. M. Allen," op. cit.
15. A clipping of the anniversary story in The Evening Messenger was among the effects of Monty Allen found after his death. This clipping and a photograph of the Rev. Mr. Allen were reproduced on the reverse of a souvenir program prepared for visitors when The Allen House was dedicated by the Harrison County Historical Society on May 16, 1976. The society was headed at that time by Fenn Lewis, Jr., son-in-law of Mrs. Monty Allen, widow of the Allens' youngest son. The photograph of the Rev. Walker Montecue Allen shows him fully-bearded, with piercing eyes, and dressed in suit jacket, vest, white shirt and stand-up collar with a string tie.
16. "Rev. W. M. Allen," op. cit.
17. Interview, March 3, 1977.
18. Interview, February 18, 1977.
19. These are the Northcutt and Crane homes, both still standing. Mrs. Hill noted that the Rev. Mr. Allen, who served as the Cumberland Presbyterian minister in Longview for 27 years, received a stipend of \$75 per month. With eight children in his family, he drew on his experience in home building as an additional source of family income.
20. The author made an unsuccessful search March 23, 1977, at both the Harrison County courthouse and the Marshall city hall.
21. The rear bedroom of the second floor's south side is now occupied by a resident docent as her living quarters, and closet space and a bathroom were provided this area of the house during its restoration.
22. From affidavits included with other material in the abstract to the property.
23. Mrs. Hill is authority for the information that the porch originally was L-shaped. She was born and reared in a home built about 1889 by the Rev. William B. Allen on a tract 58 x 120 feet which was separated from the original 118 x 120-foot Allen House site for this purpose. This house, no longer standing, was located immediately south of "The Allen House." The Rev. and Mrs. Walker Montecue Allen conveyed the land to William B. Allen, their oldest son, by warranty deed dated August 14, 1889, and recorded in Vol. 24, page 357, Deed Records of Harrison County. The consideration noted in the instru-

ment was \$300. Except for the size and shape of the rear porch and the second-floor alterations made for the resident docent, Mrs. Hill, who lived in the William B. Allen home as one of his and Mrs. Allen's eight children, believes that the restoration has been faithful to the original design of her grandparents' home.

24. Gary Hume, a member of the staff of the Texas Historical Commission when "Magnolia Hall" was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, called the restoration the best and most faithful he had seen in the state of Texas.

Appendix A

OWNERSHIP CHAIN

- February 2, 1838 Grant to Peter Whetstone. Vol. F, page 47, Surveyors Records of Harrison County.
- April 2, 1843 Agreement, Peter Whetstone and Dicey (Mrs. Peter) Whetstone to Evaline Burress. Consideration \$1,300. Vol. B, page 229, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- August 13, 1845 Patent to Peter Whetstone. Vol. F, page 160, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- September 11, 1845 Eveline (sic) Burress to Robert H. Martin, 18.82 acres. Vol. E, page 246, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- August 18, 1846 Warranty Deed, R. H. Martin to John Taylor, 18.57 acres. Consideration \$300 cash. Vol. E, page 278, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- May 6, 1853 Warranty Deed, John Taylor to Lavenia Richardson, 8.57 acres. Vol. L, page 554, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- January 5, 1869 Sheriff's Deed, Sheriff S. R. Perry to Lee Sanders, guardian, for the use and benefit of Frances A. Richardson, 8.57 acres. (Lavinia Richardson also owned and had borrowed against the south half of 1280 acres surveyed for John M. Clifton. Lee Sanders, as guardian for F. A. Richardson, M. E. Eames and E. V. Sanders, had recovered judgment for \$20,037.95 in the district court of Harrison County on July 24, 1868.)
- September 18, 1872 Warranty Deed, Fannie A. Richardson to Emilie V. Sanders, west half of 8.57 acres. Consideration \$1,000 cash. Vol. Z, page 32, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- April 7, 1877 Deed of Trust, Emilie V. Sanders to Ulysees (sic) B. Phillips. Consideration \$1,000 note at 12% per annum, interest to be paid semi-annually. Vol. 6, page 174, Deed Records of Harrison County.

- December 3, 1878                      Warranty Deed, Ulysees B. Phillips, trustee, to Amory R. Starr, acting for Lydia Barr, "who is now the owner of said note." Consideration \$700. Vol. 8, page 438, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- December 4, 1878                      Warranty Deed, Amory R. Starr to Eliza A. Allen, 118 x 120 feet. Consideration \$1. Vol. 15, page 460, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- December 4, 1878                      Warranty Deed, Emilie V. Sanders to Eliza A. Allen. Consideration \$400 in currency and a note for \$100 in favor of Lydia Barr dated December 4, 1878, and due June 4, 1879, bearing interest at 10%, "said consideration is paid out of the separate funds of said Eliza A. Allen."
- September 10, 1904                    Sheriff's Deed, Sheriff A. S. Curtis to W. P. H. Allen, by order of the district court of Harrison County in the matter of Mable Allen, et al, vs. W. P. H. Allen. Consideration \$1,000. Vol. 56, page 295, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- February 23, 1905                    Warranty Deed, W. P. H. Allen, administrator of the estate of W. M. Allen, deceased, to E. Emma Allen, Hattie E. (Allen) Jacquish, A. Jessie Allen and Annie Allen. Consideration \$1. Vol. 56, page 482, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- February 5, 1940                      Warranty Deed, Monty Allen, executor, to Hattie E. (Allen) Jacquish and Annie P. (Allen) Donald. Vol. 239, page 40, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- May 6, 1944                            Warranty Deed, Hattie E. (Allen) Jacquish and Annie P. (Allen) Donald to Lou Ella Cowan. Consideration \$2,500. Vol. 262, page 480, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- September 10, 1947                    Warranty Deed, Lou Ella Cowan to F. Harden, et ux. Consideration \$10,000. Vol. 316, page 217, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- December 30, 1947                    Warranty Deed, F. Harden, et ux, to W. E. Boyd, et ux. Consideration \$10,000. Vol. 319, page 272, Deed Records of Harrison County.

- November 28, 1973           Warranty Deed, Ragan Martin Boyd to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 543, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- November 29, 1973           William Eugene Boyd, Jr., to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 546, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- November 30, 1973           Warranty Deed, Wanda Gene Boyd Kendrick to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 540, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- November 30, 1973           Warranty Deed, Jack Hollis Boyd to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 544, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- November 30, 1973           Warranty Deed, Charles Joseph Boyd to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 548, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- December 5, 1973           Warranty Deed, Richard Bruce Boyd to Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd, all right, title and interest. Consideration \$10. Vol. 739, page 542, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- May 7, 1975                 Warranty Deed, Katie Lou (Mrs. W. E.) Boyd to Urban Renewal Agency of Marshall, Texas, Outlot 8 Northeast. Consideration \$14,500. Vol. 765, page 113, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- June 9, 1975                Special Warranty Deed, Urban Renewal Agency of Marshall, Texas, to the Harrison County Historical Society. Vol. 767, page 176, Deed Records of Harrison County.
- July 1, 1975                Corrected Special Warranty Deed, Urban Renewal Agency of Marshall, Texas, to the Harrison County Historical Society. Consideration \$1,687.50. Vol. 769, page 137, Deed Records of Harrison County.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

"Family Genealogy," a brief family history prepared by the Rev. Walker Montecue Allen in March 1896.

"The Cumberland Presbyterian," a Nashville and St. Louis church publication, Vol. 60, No. 23, containing an obituary of the Rev. Walker Montecue Allen written by his son, the Rev. William B. Allen.

Family records assembled by Mrs. John E. Hill of Marshall, a granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Walker Montecue Allen.

A clipping from The (Marshall, Texas) Evening Messenger reporting the Rev. and Mrs. Allen's golden wedding anniversary. This undated clipping was found among the effects of George Montecue (Monty) Allen, a son.

Deed Records of Harrison County.

Abstract to the Allen House property.

Oral interview, Mrs. John E. Hill.

Oral interview, Mrs. George M. (Monty) Allen.





THE ALLEN HOUSE IN NATIONAL REGISTER

HARRISON COUNTY  
 CONSERVATION SOCIETY  
 PRESENTS A

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HISTORICAL  
 SITES and SOUNDS

DECEMBER 11th 1977

in MARSHALL, TEXAS – CITY OF SEVEN FLAGS

1:00 – OLD MARSHALL CEMETERY EAST GRAND, OLDEST ORGANIZED CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN STATE OF TEXAS. PRESENTATION OF BRONZE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF MARY PETERS BROWN

1:30 – ALLEN HOUSE, 610 N. WASHINGTON, MEDALLION DEDICATION

2:30 – HAGERTY, HARRIS HOUSE – 505 E. RUSK, DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING MEDALLION

1:00 - 5:00 – OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HISTORICAL HOMES

\$3.00 Donation Adults - \$1.00 Donation Children Under 12

Tickets and Refreshments at Old Allen House  
 610 N. Washington

**ALLEN HOUSE**  
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 Built 1876

Located in Marshall's Historic District. Listed in The National Register. Restored by H. C. C. S. and H. C. H. S. Now used as the Society's headquarters.

**HAGERTY HARRIS HOUSE**  
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Built in 1889 of Hand Pressed Brick. Stenciled Canvas Ceilings decorating some of the rooms, are just one of the outstanding features of this lovely home.

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A charming cottage featuring original old windows and mantle in the front parlor. Furnished with family antiques.

VISIT FOUR OF MARSHALLS HISTORICAL MARKED CHURCHES  
 CHURCH ORGANISTS WILL FILL THE SANCTUARY WITH CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
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 405 W. Austin – Built 1953

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WALK KEY PARK – W. Grand  
 SITE OF THE OLD CONFEDERATE HAT FACTORY



707 N. Washington

Tour Elegant 19th Century Railroad Hotel. Listed in The National Register. One of its distinctive features is the Curly Pine Staircase.

THE STATE MARKER COMMITTEE CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS BEAR OUT THE HISTORICITY OF THE HOUSE, AS DOES THE IN-PERSON INSPECTION NOTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF MAX LALE.

NAME: ALLEN HOUSE

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CO \_\_\_\_\_ BLK HAK  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD \_\_\_\_\_ LOT MR



VIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDED BY: SK 3/77  
DATE: SK

**MEMO**

From the desk of

**MAX S. LALE**

5017

**RECEIVED**  
APR 15 1977

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Note

The files on this house in the National Register office contains an extensive collection of photographs.

See Williams, Mike Young and Stan Stein found the house 3-17-77 and can offer first-hand commentary  
msl

MARKER NAME The Allen House

TOWN Marshall

COUNTY Harrison

JOB# 50

DATE 4-18-77

Medallion with 16" x 12" Plate

MARKER SIZE

\$125.00

PRICE

PROCEDURE FOR MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL DATE

SN	4-18-77	1. Application checked and dated
SN	4-18-77	2. Check Deposited
Ukw	4-18-77	2a. Receipt of application acknowledged
DP TL	4-18-77 5-13-77	3. Folder checked and approved
		4. Additional information sent for
D.W.	5-13-77	4a. Sent to SMC for subject matter approval
Ukw	6-1-77	5. Letter of approval sent, permanent record and DSA recording, labeling, listed & filed in current wo
CW	7-18-77	6. Checkout to inscription writer
DZ	8-2-77	7. Sent for State Marker Committee approval
Ukw	8-2-77	8. Inscription submitted for County approval
		9. Highway permission secured (if necessary)
SN	9-1-77	10. Order sent to Southwell
W+DP	10-25-77	11. Rubbing checked
alt		12. Stencil cut
		13. Recorded for Marker Guide
		14. News release sent, w/copy to THC President (Recorded Landmark Certificate sent, if necessary)
low	11-1-77	15. Notice of shipment sent
		16. Extraneous material deleted, folder given to architectural historian
		17. Folder placed in completed marker file

#1728

MARKER NAME National Register Plate for Allen House JOB# \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN Marshall COUNTY Harrison DATE 12-9-77

MARKER SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE \$25.00

PROCEDURE FOR MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL	DATE	
SN	12-9-77	1. Application checked and dated
SN	12-9-77	2. Check deposited
		2a. Receipt of application acknowledged
		3. Folder checked and approved
		4. Additional information sent for
		4a. Sent to SMC for subject matter approval
		5. Letter of approval sent, permanent record and DSA recording, labeling, listed & filed in current marker work
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[An Official Texas Historical Building Marker is wanted]

5017

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DATE 4-18-77

EVALUATION OF  
APPLICATION FOR COMMEMORATIVE MARKER  
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE MARKER COMMITTEE:

Your appraisal of the attached dossier is hereby requested. To assist you in your deliberations, the comments and recommendations of the staff are included. If your own comments are extensive, you may attach other sheets, or write on the back of this one.

Please retain in your file all but this evaluation sheet, which we request that you return to the state office at your earliest convenience. If the majority of the State Marker Committee recommends acceptance, the inscription will be written and sent to you for your approval. At that time you may wish to refer to the history previously submitted.

Truett Latimer  
Executive Director

Architectural Evaluation:

A good example of transitional period in Texas from the earlier Greek Revival of the later Victorian or symmetrical Victorian. 1879 is late in East Texas for the Greek Revival, but that identification fits easily. Worthy of citation. J. R. W., 4/18/77

Substantive Evaluation:

As builder of this house, the Rev. Mr. Allen deserves commemoration, and so does his family. The house itself is distinctive, as Mr. Williams emphasizes above. Life in Marshall would have lost much of its history had it not been for this house and its occupants over the years.

*J. R. W.*  
5-13-77

Administrative Evaluation:

*Recommend approval for designation as recorded Texas Historic Landmark*  
*5-13-77 - J.L.*

RECOMMENDATION OF SMC MEMBER:

Signature, SMC Member

Date



**Texas Historical Commission**

Box 12276, Capitol Station,  
Austin, Texas 78711  
Truett Latimer  
Executive Director

August 23, 1977

Mr. Max S. Lale  
3704 Fitzgerald  
Marshall, TX 75670

RE: The Allen House  
Medallion with 16"x 12" Plate

Dear Mr. Lale:

Before we order casting of the enclosed marker inscription, we would like for you to please review and verify the history set forth in the text, as approved by the State Marker Committee.

Will you please signify your approval of the inscription as submitted by signing and returning the enclosed card at your earliest convenience. You may retain the marker copy for your files.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer  
Executive Director

By:

Anice Read  
Director of Programs

TL:km

Harrison

approve of the inscription for The Allen House

sent to me August 23, 1977

RECEIVED  
AUG 29 1977

*Max S. Raley*  
Signed

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Texas Historical Commission Staff (CW), 7/29/77

Official Texas Historical Building Marker for attachment to wood  
Harrison County (Order #5017)

Location: 610 N.Washington, Marshall

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\*\*\*1/4 inch lettering

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*W. Davis Bred 8-29-77*



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*by Annie Reed 8-29-77*

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September 1, 1977

Mr. Bill Southwell, Jr.  
The Southwell Company  
P.O. Drawer 209  
San Antonio, Texas 78208

NO. 5017

RE. Medallion #1728 with 16" x 12" Plate

The Allen House

Harrison County

Dear Mr. Southwell:

Enclosed is an application for Medallion with 16" x 12" Plate, #1728,  
The Allen House, Marshall, Harrison County.

We would appreciate a rubbing of this inscription.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Newton  
Secretary

Enclosure

SHIP TO:

The Allen House  
610 North Washington Ave.  
Marshall, Tx 75670

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Harrison County

Dear Mr. Southwell:

THIS

~~document~~ is an application for National Register Plate for the Allen House, Marshall, Harrison County.

~~Would appreciate a return of this information~~

Thank you.

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*W. Annie Reed 8-29-77*

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~~Enclosed are the application and the fee for the plate.~~

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

**INCISING INFORMATION: 1974**

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Secretary**

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